

# MEMORANDUM

File 180.9241

BOARD MEETING: May 23, 2012  
AGENDA ITEM NO: 11

FROM: Jerry Lakeman   
District Engineer

SUBJECT: **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group, Execution of Memorandum of Understanding as a Planning Committee Member, and Designation of Primary and Alternative District Representatives**

## Summary

In 2002, the State of California enacted the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act which encourages local agencies to coordinate and integrate water management planning efforts to increase water supply reliability, improve water quality, and enhance environmental stewardship efforts to better meet current and future water needs. Through this Act, the Legislature directed the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the State Department of Public Health to include future funding criteria that gives preference to projects that have gone through a regional water planning process. Pursuant to this Act, the Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plan effort (SSIRWMP) was launched through the actions of the Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT), Sierra Nevada Alliance and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. This group formed the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group (SSRWMG) and launched a planning process to identify stakeholders. Their first organizational meeting was held on May 21, 2008. They identified an area referred to as the Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Region and submitted to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) through the Regional Acceptance Process (RAP) to have the area recognized and accepted as an Integrated Regional Water Management Region (IRWMR). This allows it to qualify for grant funding through the IRWM Program. In 2009 the SSIRWMP was granted conditional acceptance with full approval coming in 2011. The area is identified as area No. 33 on the attached maps (Attachments 1, and 2). Currently there are 49 such Regions accepted by DWR throughout the state. The boundary of the SSRWMG IRWMR is contiguous with the UKBIRWMA boundary with the District being located within both of the Regions (Attachment 3).

The SSRWMG currently includes entities that have joined the SSRWMG by signing the MOU (Attachment 4) to be on the Planning Committee indicating their commitment. These members are comprised of State and Federal Agencies, Special Districts, and interested groups (Attachment 5). Another 109 entities including 162 individuals participate as interested parties (Attachment 6).

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The Southern Sierra region does not currently have an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Recently, on behalf of the SSRWMG, Sequoia Riverlands Trust submitted an IRWM Planning Grant Application to DWR through the Proposition 84 grant. If successful, the grant will provide funds to develop a comprehensive plan for the Region. Following the development of a plan, beneficial projects that are accepted by the SSRWMG will become available for future grant prospects.

The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has been encouraged to join the SSRWMG as a Planning Committee Member. Joining as a member agency would require appointment of an FMFCD Primary Representative and an Alternate member to server on the Planning Committee and participate at monthly meetings and would participate on various work groups and committees as needed. There currently is no fee to join the group as the development of the IRWMP will be funded by grant funds if successful. If the grant is not awarded to the group it is uncertain how the IRWMP will be funded. The grant funds requested is \$610,738. The matching funds for the grant will be provided with member in-kind services and contributions from interested groups (\$243,760). The Sequoia Riverlands Trust is the designated Grantee for the Planning Grant.

Benefits to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District include:

- Voting membership on the Planning Committee.
- Input on projects proposed for funding through various State grant programs
- Strengthening partnerships between agencies that are currently developing water management projects.
- As the District is currently a member of the Upper Kings River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (UKRBIRWMA), it may strengthen any future District grant proposals by having its project(s) agreed upon by two IRWMP's giving those projects greater credibility and funding probabilities.

The District does have the ability to join as an interested party without participation on the Planning Committee; however, that position reduces our ability to influence future project decisions or have its projects supported by two separate IRWMP's.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment7) to join as a Planning Committee Member of the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group.
2. Authorize the District's Manager to sign the MOU on behalf of the District.

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3. Appoint the District Engineer (Jerry Lakeman) as the Primary Representative and one staff member (Kurt Hupp Rural Program Manager) as the alternate representative on the Planning Committee of the SSRWMG to act on behalf of the District in absence of the primary member.

Discussion

Regional planning for water resource management projects is becoming a necessity in California. Participation as a member agency in the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group will provide the District with direct and ongoing input into a regional water management planning and funding process. As stated above, there is no financial commitment required to join the group.

Recent meetings have been held at the District's office and the Provost and Pritchard Consulting Engineering office in Visalia. Kurt Hupp has been attending the meetings. The meetings are lengthy, approximately 5-6 hours on a monthly basis.

Attachment 8 is a list of Acronyms used in this memo.



Kurt Hupp  
Rural Program Manager

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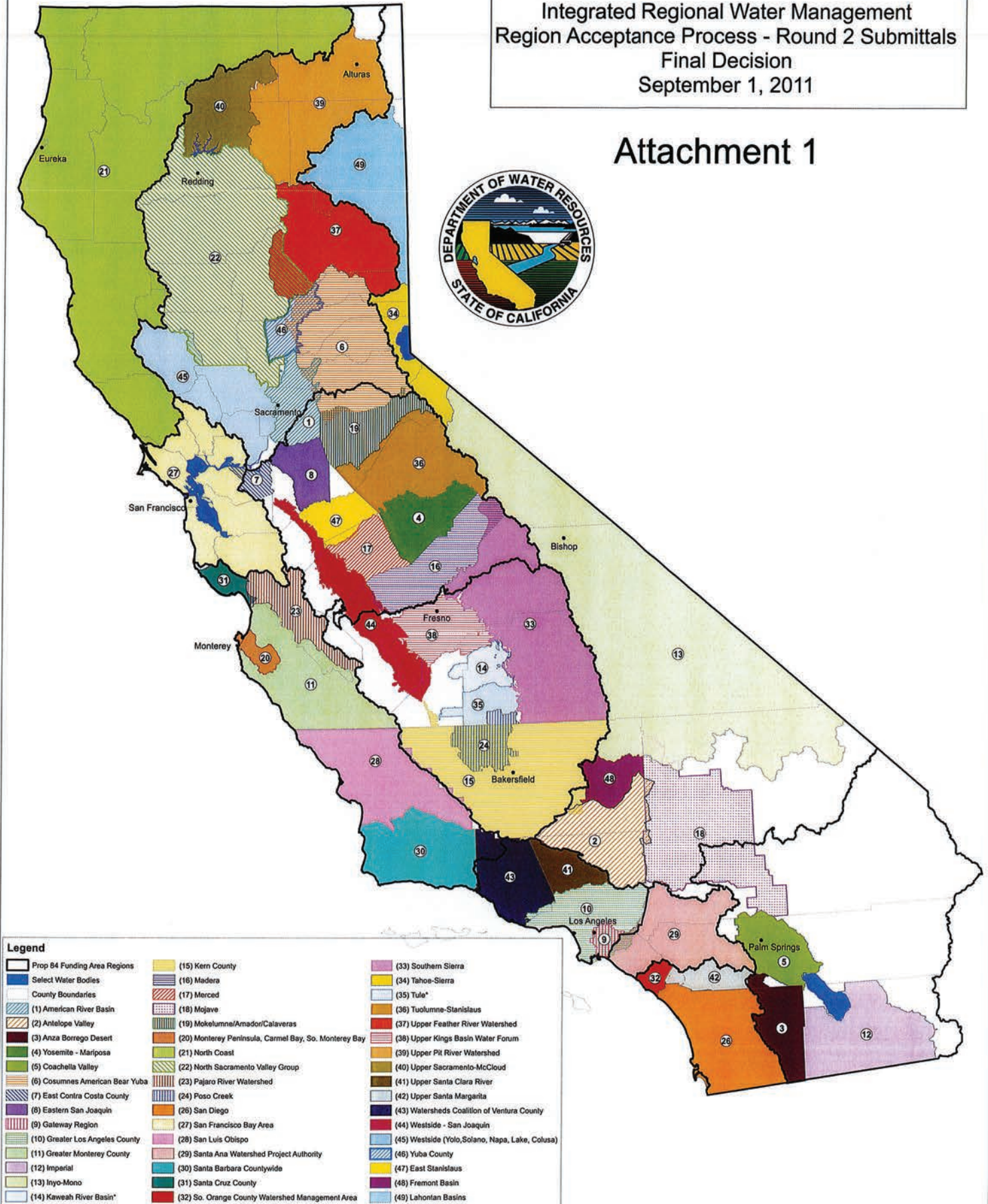
Attachment(s)

- Attachment 1: DWR's State IRWM Boundary Map
- Attachment 2: Detail Map IRWMP Tulare Lake Funding Area
- Attachment 3: UKBIRWMA Boundary with FMFCD and SSIRWMA Overlay
- Attachment 4: SSRWMG MOU
- Attachment 5: Current Planning Committee Member List
- Attachment 6: Interested Parties List
- Attachment 7: Resolution Authorizing Joining the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group
- Attachment 8: Acronyms used in this Board Memo



Integrated Regional Water Management  
Region Acceptance Process - Round 2 Submittals  
Final Decision  
September 1, 2011

# Attachment 1



**Notes:**

- 1) Hatch and Dot symbols are shown where there is a boundary overlap.
- 2) Numbers shown are for reference purposes only and correspond to internal DWR RAP submittal identifications.
- 3) Region boundaries shown are those submitted by each applicant as part of the RAP submittal.
  - RAP 2009 = ID No's 1 - 46
  - RAP 2011 = ID No's 47 - 49
- 4) \* Denotes Region is conditionally approved
- 5) ID No. 25 (Sacramento Valley) is no longer participating in the IRWM Grant Program and is no longer shown.

















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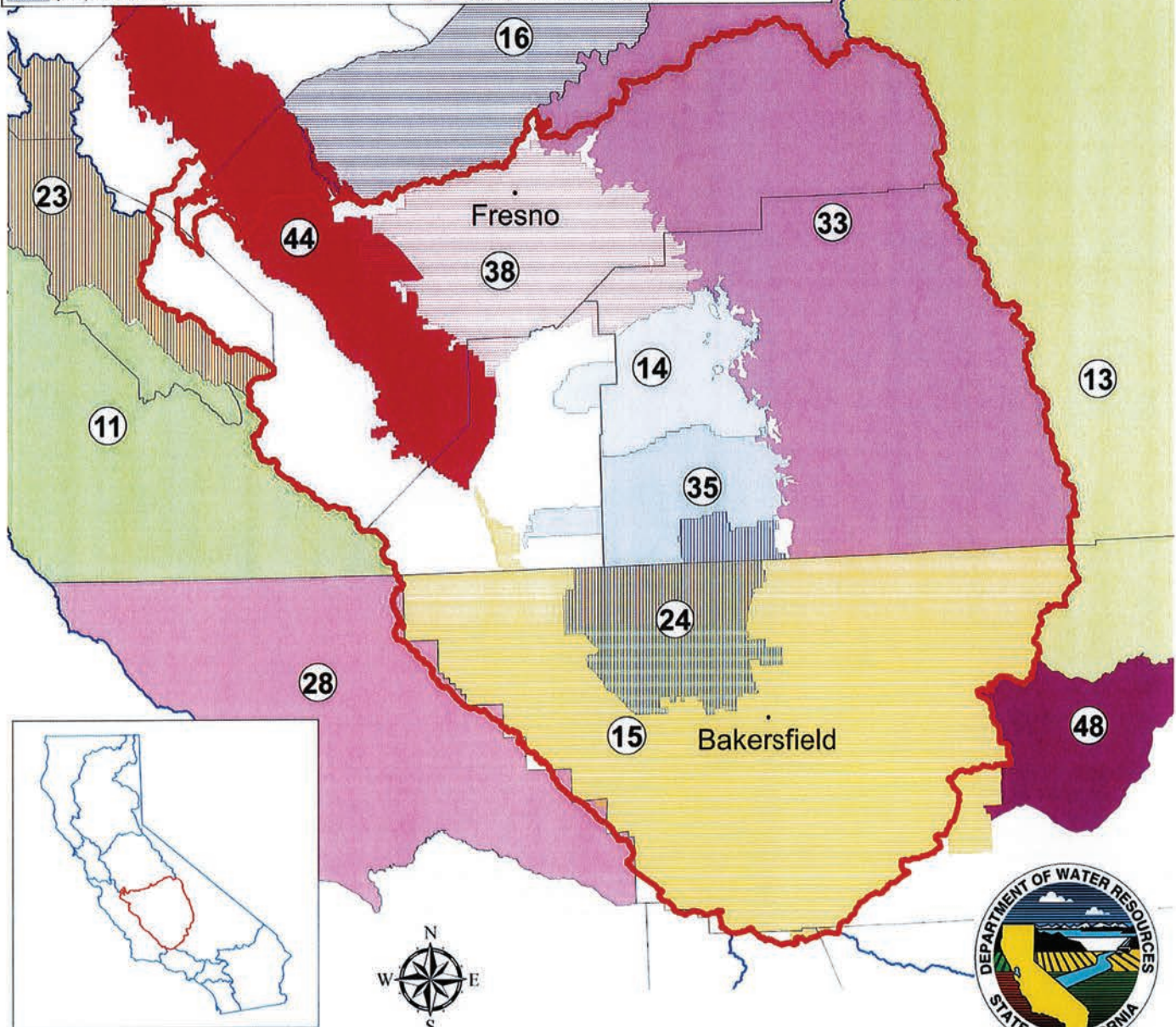




**PROPOSITION 84**  
**Integrated Regional Water Management Program**  
**IRWM Regions**  
**Tulare/Kern (Tulare Lake) Funding Area**

**Legend**

	Tulare/Kern (Tulare Lake) Funding Area		(23) Pajaro River Watershed
	Prop 84 Funding Area Regions		(24) Poso Creek
	County Boundaries		(28) San Luis Obispo
	(11) Greater Monterey County		(33) Southern Sierra
	(13) Inyo-Mono		(35) Tule*
	(14) Kaweah River Basin*		(38) Upper Kings Basin Water Forum
	(15) Kern County		(44) Westside - San Joaquin
	(16) Madera		(48) Fremont Basin



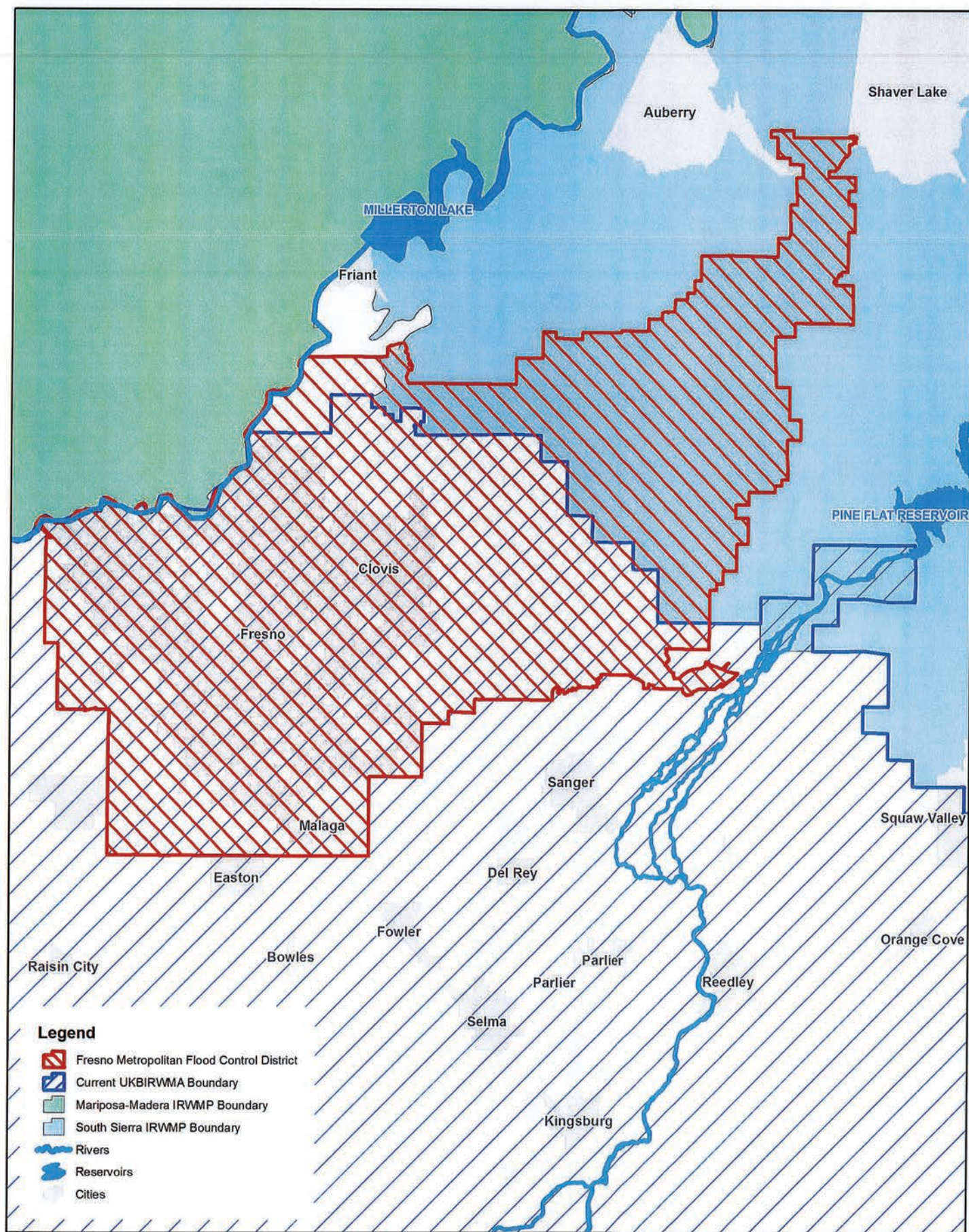
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## Attachment 3

Proposed UKBIRWMA Boundary Modification  
FMFCD Addition



# Attachment 4

## **Memorandum of Understanding Southern Sierra Regional Entity (Date of Signing) 2009**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and among the members of the Planning Committee with regard to the formation of the Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The overarching vision of the IRWMP is to meet the integrated water needs of the people and watersheds of the South Sierra IRWMP region now and into the future. The IRWMP will be developed in three phases: 1) a formation (launch) phase to develop and submit an application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for a Planning Grant; 2) a planning phase to develop the Southern Sierra IRWMP and; 3) an implementation phase to implement the plan. The Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group (hereinafter referred to as the "Southern Sierra Planning Committee" or "Planning Committee") will be realized through this MOU for the purpose of phases one and two of the IRWMP.

### **Purpose**

This MOU is a statement of mutual understanding among the Planning Committee members to acknowledge the intentions of the parties and provide for cooperative action regarding:

- The roles and responsibilities of the parties in IRWMP formation, including the sources of funds and in-kind technical assistance
- The structure that will be used to exchange information with the Southern Sierra Planning Committee, Coordinating Committee, and other interested parties, and the public to provide for technical review and public support for formation of the IRWMP.
- The general work plan that Southern Sierra stakeholders will complete to form the IRWMP.

### ***Duration of this Memorandum of Understanding***

This MOU will remain in effect from the date of signing for 3 years or until replaced by another form of agreement by the Southern Sierra IRWMP Planning Committee.

### ***Southern Sierra Preamble from the IRWMP***

This IRWMP is not intended to, and it does not, impose legally binding requirements on the entities that adopt or participate in the IRWMP. The IRWMP's purpose is to summarize the process and the plan developed by the Southern Sierra Region stakeholders to meet their common goals of achieving sustainable water supplies and uses, improved water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agriculture, and a strong economy.

Although the IRWMP refers to many legally binding statutory and regulatory provisions—such as general plans, zoning ordinances, water quality plans, and various permits, licenses, and approvals; its purpose in doing so is to ensure that the IRWMP is consistent and compatible with those existing legal obligations. Rather than adding to or modifying the present legal and regulatory environment, the IRWMP is intended to streamline and improve the stakeholders' ability to operate and succeed within that environment. Thus, the IRWMP provides guidance to, but does not impose any mandates upon, the water agencies, land use agencies, local governments, watershed organizations and others who adopt the IRWMP.



# Background

## ***IRWMP Formation***

The Southern Sierra Planning Committee intends to launch an IRWMP Planning process, which will culminate in submitting a Planning Grant Proposal to DWR soon after final guidelines are released.

## ***IRWMP Adoption***

Any organizations, agencies or individuals that support the Southern Sierra IRWM Plan may adopt it. These include such organizations as water agencies, conservation groups, agriculture representatives, businesses, tribal groups, land use entities, and local, state, federal agencies and private entities with an interest in the Southern Sierra.

## ***Southern Sierra IRWMP Geographic Boundaries***

The Southern Sierra IRWMP boundaries will include the foothills and mountain headwaters regions of the Kern, Tule, Kaweah, Kings, and San Joaquin watersheds. These watersheds cover the Sierra Nevada portion of Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kern Counties. The primary boundary includes the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project (SNEP) boundaries, but is adapted to sync with neighboring IRWMP efforts.

- To the east, the Southern Sierra IRWMP boundary is defined by the Sierra Nevada crest.
  - Rationale: Waters flowing to the west from the Sierra crest are source waters for foothill uses and management. Precipitation falling west of the crest drain the western slope of the mountain range and are connected hydrologically with the Tulare and San Joaquin basins.
- To the north, the Southern Sierra IRWMP is defined by the Upper San Joaquin watershed.
  - Rationale: The upper San Joaquin River basin is split between Fresno and Madera Counties, but the river is managed across counties. The issues on either side of the county line are similar, but contrast sharply with downstream users in intensive agricultural areas outside of the Sierra Nevada Region. The San Joaquin watershed shares many of the same issues with watersheds further south in the region.
- To the west, the Southern Sierra IRWMP is considering a boundary including the foothill areas of the region's watersheds.
  - In the Kings River Area, the SSIRWMP boundary extends the District boundaries of the Tri Valley, Orange Cove, Hills Valley Water Districts east of the towns of Orange Cove, Orosi and East Orosi. East of the City of Fresno, the boundary extends to the boundaries of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, the International Water District and the Garfield Water District.
    - Rationale: This boundary was negotiated with the Upper Kings River Forum Regional Water Management Group to match UKRF boundaries.
  - In the Kaweah Delta area, the SSIRWMP boundary extends to the Kaweah reservoir or the 600-foot contour in the Kaweah River Drainage. Further, the boundary follows the RWQCB Irrigated Lands Program and generally follows surface water-ground water usage boundaries. In the aquaculture/Lewis/Avocado area, the boundary will be the 600' elevation contour and squared to section lines; the agriculture north of Elderwood will be in the KDRWMG. In Davis Valley, the Westside has small, irrigated lands while the east and the north are rangeland. The boundary will follow section lines in these areas. In Dry Creek, the boundary will follow land use: irrigated lands will be part of the KDWMG and grazing land will be in the SSIRWMP. In Mehrten Valley, the 600' contour will be the guide, most of the valley will be in KDRWMG. In Yokohl Valley, most of the western valley will be in the KDRWMG while the eastern portion of the valley will be in the SSIRWMP. In Round Valley, east of Lindsay, the KDRWMG will include a few small areas east of the ILP, the boundary will again be based on land use and squared to the section lines.



- Rationale: This boundary was negotiated with the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District Regional Water Management Group to match KDWCD boundaries.
- In the Tule River Area, the SSIRWMP boundary includes the Tule River Indian Reservation and down to approximately the 600-foot contour in all forks of the Tule and squared to section lines. The Deer Creek Tule River Authority planning area will follow irrigated lands while the SSIRWMP will follow rangeland.
- Rationale: This boundary was negotiated with the Deer Creek-Tule River Authority Regional Water Management Group to match that region's planning boundaries.
- To the south, the Southern Sierra IRWMP boundary is defined by the Tulare-Kern County line.
  - Rationale: the Kern watershed's water resources will be managed by both SSIRWMP and Kern County Water Agency IRWMP. The two entities will work collaboratively in the watershed across the county boundary.

## ***Planning Horizon***

The Southern Sierra planning and implementation horizon is approximately thirty years into the future, in the range of 2038-2040. However, many Southern Sierra discussions and actions will be guided by a longer time horizon of up to fifty years into the future.

## ***Joining and Leaving the Southern Sierra IRWMP Planning Committee***

Any water stakeholder organization may join the Southern Sierra IRWMP as part of the Planning Committee (see below for description). Water stakeholders could include, but are not limited to such organizations as: water agencies, conservation groups, agriculture representatives, businesses, tribal groups, land use entities, and local, state, federal agencies and private entities with an interest in the Southern Sierra. A group who wants to join the Southern Sierra IRWMP should notify the Planning Committee of their intent to join and sign this MOU to signify their good faith effort to join.

Any entity who would like to discontinue their participation in the Southern Sierra IRWMP may do so at any time. This MOU is non-binding and non-regulatory. The Southern Sierra IRWMP Planning Committee only asks that any member who wants to leave, notify the rest of the Planning Committee at which point they will no longer be a member of the Planning Committee of the Southern Sierra IRWMP.

## **Program Management Structure**

### ***Planning Committee***

The Planning Committee is the decision-making body during the SSIRWMP formation process. In that context it will oversee and approve major programmatic decisions such as funding applications and performance measures. The Planning Committee will set the overall strategic direction for formation of the IRWMP. During the planning phase, the Planning Committee or its designated Work Groups will meet at least every other month.

### **Membership**

The first Planning Committee membership will be comprised of those who sign this Memorandum of Understanding. These members will commit to approximately three years on the Planning Committee or until the SSIRWMP is complete.

The Planning Committee strives to ensure its membership represents a broad range of interests, including: water supply, water quality, environment/habitat, recreation, agriculture and ranching, resource management, hydropower, cities/counties, sanitation, other water resource management areas, economically disadvantaged local communities and individual local stakeholders interested and willing to participate. In order to cover these interests, members may include, but are not limited to: water agencies, resource agencies, conservation groups, tribes, agricultural and



ranching interests, cities, counties, education organizations, disadvantaged community representatives, private landowners, and businesses.

Planning Committee membership will be comprised of those who sign this MOU before submission of the planning grant proposal. Planning Committee members must be committed to ensuring long-term ecosystem health of the areas watersheds, water supply, water quality, involvement of the local communities, especially disadvantaged communities; and the protection, preservation and restoration of natural resources of the Southern Sierra region; and agree to work constructively with others.

The Project Manager will check in with Planning Committee members on regular basis to reconfirm their intent to actively participate and their primary representative. This will not be binding or require the member to re-sign the MOU. This activity is merely intended to give the Project Manager and Planning Committee the most updated list of active Planning Committee members and primary and alternate representatives. Membership in the Planning Committee may change to accommodate evolving circumstances, such as changes in individual organizational capacity or participation.

Planning Committee members agree they will strive to support the Southern Sierra IRWMP through a variety of supporting activities, which may include in-kind contributions and/or funding.

## **Representation**

Each member organization will identify their lead representative for the Planning Committee and will make their best effort to attend Planning Committee meetings to make decisions. Planning Committee members may choose to identify alternates but they are encouraged to have one representative attend the IRWMP Planning Committee meetings for consistency.

## **Coordinating Committee**

The Coordinating Committee, appointed by the Planning Committee, is a smaller, representative group of the Planning Committee that meets between Planning Committee meetings to assist staff with process planning, recommendations for process modifications, communications, and other issues for which staff needs advice. The Coordinating Committee may also provide more consistent fiscal oversight in helping to manage the IRWMP with the fiscal sponsor. Ultimate decision-making still resides with the Planning Committee. Membership in the Coordinating Committee may change to accommodate evolving circumstances (such as changes in individual organizational capacity or participation history) by consensus of the Planning Committee. The Coordinating Committee meets every month during planning stages and then every other month thereafter. This schedule could change again during implementation planning.

The Coordinating Committee may play a role in developing substantive proposals and policy, at the request and subject to the approval of the Planning Committee, but has no decision-making authority.

## **Formation Funding**

### **Funding**

Funding for the launch and planning phases will come from grants. Southern Sierra IRWMP anticipates that financial support for the regional entity will ultimately come from projects funded through the Southern Sierra IRWMP, but during the formation period (the formation period will end with a planning grant from DWR or other organization) will come from a portion of the launch and planning grants.

The Planning Committee agrees they will strive to support the Southern Sierra IRWMP through variety of supporting activities during the formation period.



## ***Fiscal Agent***

### Fiscal Agent for IRWMP Launch

Sequoia Riverlands Trust shall serve as Fiscal Agent for the Southern Sierra IRWMP Launch phase. Duties include administering grant funds, coordinating meetings for the Coordinating Committee and Planning Committee, making meeting notes and notices publicly available, maintaining a webpage where IRWMP documents can be accessed.

### Fiscal Agent for Planning Grant

The Planning Committee will choose a Fiscal Agent for the Southern Sierra Planning Grant Proposal to DWR and the Planning Phase. This entity will have custody and responsibility for administering all funds of the Southern Sierra regional entity, including without limitation deposit and disbursement of said funds and accounting of all business transactions of the regional entity. Fiscal oversight will still be performed by the Planning Committee and Coordinating Committee.

Any budget line item change over \$1,000 should be considered by the Coordinating Committee, as the fiscal oversight of the IRWMP.

Any budget line item change over \$10,000 must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Committee

### Annual Financial Reporting

At the close of each calendar (or fiscal) year, the fiscal agent(s) and individual project partners shall provide a complete accounting of fiscal activity related to Southern Sierra IRWMP and associated projects to the Planning Committee.

## **Public Outreach and Participation**

### ***Planning Committee Meetings***

The Planning Committee will meet at least every other month and schedule additional meetings if necessary to ensure effective planning of the SSIRWMP. All Planning Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend to share concerns about the Plan and learn about the IRWMP. Highlights from the Planning Committee meetings shall be distributed to the Southern Sierra Planning Committee and posted on the web for public viewing.

### ***Public Forum / Interested Parties***

The public forum refers to the general public and broad range of organizations interested in the Southern Sierra process that seek information about Southern Sierra activities either by attendance at meetings or through other means of communication. The Southern Sierra IRWMP maintains an interested party or stakeholder email list. Email list participants receive notice of all Southern Sierra meetings and all other announcements about the Southern Sierra planning process.

### ***Public Noticing and Transparency***

Southern Sierra meetings are noticed via an inclusive email list discussed above. In addition, Southern Sierra IRWMP will begin sending meeting announcements to all the public agencies involved in the process and encourage them to post Southern Sierra Planning Committee meetings on their web pages and to announce through agency noticing procedures. Planning Committee member entities are not responsible for compliance by Southern Sierra with public agency noticing requirements. The Southern Sierra IRWMP shall maintain a publicly accessible website displaying a calendar of meetings, agendas, meeting notes, list of participants, and when appropriate, a brief description of accomplishments, partners and overall mission of the IRWMP.

In preparation for Planning Committee meetings, which will involve decision-making, the Planning Committee will be noticed that there is a decision-making meeting 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. This notice can be by email with the agenda if available at that time.



## **Briefings and Outreach**

Southern Sierra IRWMP stakeholders representing their own organizations regularly conduct briefings with local elected officials and other organizations interested in Southern Sierra or in which Southern Sierra IRWMP would like to extend its reach. Southern Sierra IRWMP periodically prepares briefings materials and makes presentations at conferences and meetings. Only the Project Manager or a designated representative may make public statements on behalf of the Southern Sierra IRWMP as an entity.

## **Planning Committee Decision Making**

### **Decision Making Rule**

#### **Consensus as the Fundamental Principle**

The Planning Committee shall base its decision-making on consensus (agreement among all members) in all of its decision-making. Working toward consensus is a fundamental principle of the Southern Sierra IRWMP process.

##### Definition of "Consensus"

In reaching consensus, some Planning Committee members may strongly endorse a particular proposal while others may accept it as "workable." Others may be only able to "live with it." Still others may choose to "stand aside" by verbally noting a disagreement, yet allowing the group to reach a consensus without them if the decision does not affect them or compromise their interests. Any of these actions still constitutes consensus.

Since the IRWMP has no regulatory authority, any decisions it makes cannot regulate or force another entity against its will to take an action not in its interest. All decisions and projects will be made and developed under the consensus rule except as noted in Section 6.1.1.2 below.

##### 6.1.1.2 Workgroups

Workgroups give input and recommendations to the Planning Committee. But all decisions will be approved by the Planning Committee as a whole.

##### Less than 100% Consensus Decision Making

The Planning Committee shall not limit itself to strict consensus if 100% agreement among all participants cannot be reached after all interests and options have been thoroughly identified, explored, discussed and considered. Less-than-consensus decision-making shall not be undertaken lightly. If, after full exploration and discussion, the Planning Committee cannot come to 100% agreement, it will use the less-than-consensus decision-making protocols as described below. For proposals or the Plan to be endorsed by the Planning Committee, it must pass the test identified in (a) below.

#### **a) Broad Support of the Planning Committee Membership**

The Plan or proposal must be endorsed by 75% of the total number of *active* members of the Planning Committee. (In other words, the Plan cannot be opposed by more than 25% of the total number of *active* members of the Planning Committee.) *Active* participation is defined in Section 6.1.1.3.

##### Definition of Active Participation by Planning Committee Members

Active participation means regular attendance at Planning Committee meetings; regular participation in at least one Work Group or ensuring that a designee of the Planning Committee member's organization participates in a Work Group under the Planning Committee member's close guidance; and reviewing planning and other written documents before discussions or decisions will be made. It is understood that occasionally Planning Committee members may need to miss a Planning Committee or Work Group meeting, or both meetings. If there is a question



as to whether a Planning Committee member should be considered “active” for purposes of decision-making, the Coordinating Committee will make that determination by communicating with the member or determining whether the stakeholder is active or not based on recent participation.

## **Revisions to the MOU**

Any revisions to this MOU must be made through the decision-making process outlined in the section above on decision-making.



## Signature Page

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Name (Signature) Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization

*Primary Representative:*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Alternative Representative:*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## **REFINEMENTS TO THE SSIRWMP M.O.U.**

### **SOUTHERN SIERRA IRWMP**

Adopted on May 10, 2012

The following materials are refinements and clarifications to the existing "Memorandum of Understanding, Southern Sierra Regional Entity," originally dated 2009. The materials do not replace the M.O.U., they merely provide additional details to eliminate ambiguity, and additional protocols on a few important topics that were not yet addressed. Together they form the governing documents of the Southern Sierra IRWMP's Regional Water Management Group.

#### **1. Program Management Structure (Section 3)**

##### **3.3 Change of "Planning Committee" term to "Regional Water Management Group"**

As of July 2012, the "Planning Committee" will be referred to as the "Regional Water Management Group" (RWMG). Per IRWM guidelines (August 2010, Section 4-A-1, Governance, page 19), the RWMG includes three or more local agencies, at least two of which have statutory authority over water supply or water management. These two agencies share decision-making authority with the other members of the RWMG. All other aspects of the Memorandum of Understanding apply.

##### **3.4 Change of "fiscal agent" term to "grantee"**

As of July 2012, the term "fiscal agent" will be replaced with "grantee," for consistency with IRWM guidelines (August 2010), which defines "grantee" as the grant recipient (page 32).

##### **3.5 Additional RWMG Roles and Responsibilities**

Per the existing M.O.U., the RWMG will continue to oversee and approve major programmatic decisions, such as funding applications and performance measures, and will continue to set the overall strategic direction for formation of the IRWMP. Additionally, members of the RWMG will (1) review in advance of meetings and provide feedback on draft work products; (2) adopt final work products; (3) contribute expertise, data, and information to clarify discussions, eliminate false assumptions, and advance innovation; (4) communicate information to and from their agencies, organizations, and/or constituencies; and (5) act in a manner that will enhance trust among all participants.

##### **3.6 Additional Coordinating Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

Per the existing M.O.U., the Coordinating Committee will continue to assist staff with



process planning, recommendations for process modifications, communications, and other issues for which staff needs advice; may also continue to provide more consistent fiscal oversight; and may also play a role in developing substantive proposals and policy, at the request and subject to the approval of the Planning Committee. Additionally, the Coordinating Committee will help to prepare for RWMG meetings by reviewing and helping to develop meeting materials, and by reviewing draft work products, as needed.

### 3.7 Additional Membership Requirement

Members of the RWMG must be part of a public agency, an organization, a business, a California Native American Tribe, or other group that represents a public interest and has signed the M.O.U. The M.O.U. identifies the primary representative and alternate; to keep information up to date, members are required to submit a letter written on letterhead indicating if their primary representative or alternate changes. Alternates are encouraged to attend as much as possible to maintain continuity of the discussions. A single person may represent more than one agency, organization, business, Tribe, or other group, so long as they have documentation of their role from each entity they represent. The RWMG does not include individual members of the public. Individual members of the public who are interested in and concerned about the Southern Sierra IRWMP are requested to join the list of interested parties (see section 5.2.1).

### 5.2.1 Additional Information on Public Forum / Interested Parties

[This section augments the existing 5.2 Public Forum / Interested Parties]

All interested parties are welcome to attend and participate in RWMG meetings and other Southern Sierra IRWMP events. As specified in the existing M.O.U., the RWMG maintains a list of interested parties for the purpose of noticing meetings and other public events, and sharing news and information. The list may also be used to solicit feedback to the RWMG at appropriate times. The list includes individual members of the public, as well as members of agencies, organizations, businesses, Tribes, or other groups that have an interest in or are concerned about the Southern Sierra IRWMP but do not sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

### 3.8 Work Group Designation

The RWMG may choose to create work groups to advance specific tasks outside of RWMG meetings. The RWMG will specify a clear purpose for any work group and, as applicable, also specify the tasks or work products and corresponding timeline for the work group. All work groups will provide a status update on their activities at the RWMG meetings. All work products will be submitted in draft to the RWMG for adoption. While the work groups may make day-to-day decisions to advance their efforts, the work groups have no



final decision-making authority (see Section 6.1.1.2).

### 3.9 Roles and Responsibilities of the Facilitators

The facilitators will provide impartial guidance regarding the planning and implementation process, and will manage meetings on behalf of the RWMG. The facilitators are content-neutral, which means they will not advocate for particular policy or technical outcomes; the facilitators will, however, advocate for a fair, transparent, effective, and credible dialog and decision-making process, including helping the RWMG uphold the elements of the M.O.U. Specific duties include (1) designing the work plan and meeting agendas in partnership with the Project Manager, Coordinating Committee, and other RWMG members as needed; (2) providing guidance on process options and decisions; (3) reviewing and providing feedback on draft meeting materials; (4) overseeing the preparation of meeting summaries, including action items, key points of discussion, and agreements and decisions; (5) serving as a confidant for members who wish to express concerns about content or process privately. The facilitator is in service of the RWMG and will provide equal support to all its members.

## 2. Public Outreach and Participation (section 5)

### 5.5 Media Protocol

Per the existing M.O.U., the Project Manager or other designated representatives may make public statements on behalf of the Southern Sierra IRWMP as an entity. The first point of contact for media or external inquiries should be the Project Manager or other designated representatives. Additionally, if contacted by the media or an external party, or in other sessions outside the meeting, members will:

- a. Clarify that they are speaking only for themselves, not on behalf of the RWMG.
- b. Express concerns and support in ways that are consistent with their expressions in RWMG meetings.
- c. Represent other comments made in these meetings as general group concerns and support, rather than attributing statements to other people or characterizing the views of others.
- d. Avoid using the press as a vehicle for negotiation.

Members reserve the right to express their own opinion to the media, but not the opinions of others. Members can refer media inquiries to other group members, who then can speak for themselves. The RWMG may periodically develop and approve lengthier consensus statements to keep the public and media informed of its work and progress, and associated decisions and agreements.



### 3. RWMG Decision-Making (Section 6)

#### 6.1.1.4 Clarification of Less than 100% Consensus Decision-Making

Decision-making in the absence of consensus will follow the protocol in the existing M.O.U. For clarification of section 6.1.1.2 (a), decisions or agreements must be endorsed by 75% of the total number of active members of the RWMG who are present at the meeting (including via telephone) when a decision is made. Per the existing M.O.U., meetings that include decisions will be noticed two weeks in advance of the meeting. For clarification of section 6.1.1.3, "regular attendance" means that the member has attended at least half of the RWMG meetings in the past year, or in the case of new members, that the member has attended at least half of the RWMG meetings since signing the M.O.U. The RWMG will maintain a current list of RWMG members, including their primary representative and alternate, and track meeting attendance. The requirement for participation in a work group is only applicable insofar as three or more work groups are active.

#### 6.2 Protocol for Notifying Members of an Upcoming Decision

Per section 5.3, Public Noticing and Transparency, meetings that involve decision-making will be noticed two weeks in advance of the meeting. Members will be requested to acknowledge receipt of the email notifying them of the upcoming decision. If no acknowledgment is received, the facilitator(s) will follow-up by telephone to ensure the member is aware of the upcoming decision.

#### 6.3 Multiple Entities Represented by a Single Individual

In some cases a single individual serves as the designated representative of more than one member entity. In order for the RWMG to have consensus on a decision, each of the member entities represented by the single individual must be in consensus.

If less than 100% consensus decision-making is involved, the single individual must choose a single entity to represent; any additional entity represented by that individual must send their alternate representative to take part in decision-making. All alternates are required to be fully briefed on the group's historical deliberations and information and issues involved in the decision, to ensure continuity of the group's discussions and a timely decision-making process. All decisions will be noticed in advance as specified in sections 5.3 and 6.2.

If less than 100% consensus decision-making is involved, and one of the entities represented by the single individual has a financial interest in the outcome (e.g., one of the entities represented by the single individual is applying to be the grantee for a planning or implementation grant), the single individual will be permitted to participate in discussions and decisions regarding the steps, criteria, and information used for making



the decision (e.g., selection of a grantee). In this regard, they help to shape the decision-making process as a whole. During the deliberation of the decision and final less than 100% decision-making, however, this individual will be requested to leave the room, and the entity that has a financial interest in the outcome will not be part of the less than 100% consensus decision-making. Additionally, none of the other entities represented by the single individual will be permitted to be part of the deliberation of the decision and final less than 100% decision-making. This is to avoid a situation where a secondary entity, even though it has no financial interest in the outcome, sends an alternate representative to support the selection of the single individual that typically represents them out of solidarity. To ensure that it has a voice in such a circumstance, any member entity typically represented by a single individual can decide to regularly send their alternate to the series of meetings leading up to a financial decision, and thus avoid relying on the single individual to represent them during that period of the RWMG's work. The RWMG will identify the appropriate number of meetings to attend early enough in the process to allow such participation.

#### 4. Joint Fact-Finding (new section – section 8)

##### 8 Joint Fact-Finding Protocol

The RWMG may choose to conduct joint fact-finding when it needs to make a decision regarding a complex scientific or technical issue, but cannot readily reach agreement on how best to proceed. Joint fact-finding provides an approach to building consensus and making informed decisions in the face of uncertainty. It involves a subset of RWMG members working with the consultant and subject-matter experts to frame the questions to be answered, interpret existing information, and generate recommendations. Joint fact-finding conducted by the RWMG will include the following steps:

1. The facilitator or RWMG member develops a short Issue Summary that identifies key issues and questions in enough detail to clearly communicate concerns to all members.
2. The RWMG identifies a few members to form a joint fact-finding work group on the designated topic. The work group identifies additional expertise needed to understand and address the topic, and invites mutually agreed-upon individual subject-matter experts to support the work group.
3. At its first meeting, the work group discusses how existing information applies to the issues and questions identified in the Issue Summary. Members identify areas where they are in consensus, and if possible, recommend to the RWMG how to move forward on the issues and questions identified. If the work group desires more information, it identifies the immediate next steps for gathering this. If the



desired information does not exist, the work group decides whether it can be generated in a timeframe that is consistent with the RWMG's work plan; if not, the work group agrees to continue its joint fact-finding effort and ultimately make a recommendation the absence of ideal information.

4. At its second or subsequent meetings, the work group reviews new information and seeks consensus on what to recommend to the RWMG. If the work group makes a sincere effort but cannot reach consensus, it may provide more than one set of recommendations to the RWMG.
5. When recommendations are ready, the work group presents these to the RWMG and answers any substantive or procedural questions from RWMG members. The intent is to provide recommendations in an open, transparent, and educative way that supports informed decision-making. The RWMG in turn seeks consensus on what recommendation(s) to adopt. The RWMG may request the work group to conduct additional fact-finding and report back.
6. The final recommendation adopted by the RWMG is recorded in the Issue Summary, as well as the standard meeting summary that is made publicly available on the website.

During the joint fact-finding process, the work group will update the RWMG as to its progress during the RWMG's regular meetings.



# Attachment 5

## Planning Committee Members

1. California Department of Fish and Game
  - a. Primary representative: John Shelton
  - b. Alternate representative: none specified
2. San Joaquin Valley Leadership Forum
  - a. Primary representative: Steve Haze
  - b. Alternate representative: Deborah Kruse
3. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
  - a. Primary representative: Charisse Sydorik
  - b. Alternate representative: Koren Nydick
4. Sequoia National Forest
  - a. Primary representative: Tina Terrell
  - b. Alternate representative: Chris Stewart, Kyle Wright
5. Sequoia Riverlands Trust
  - a. Primary representative: none specified
  - b. Alternate representative: none specified
6. Sierra and Foothill Citizens Alliance
  - a. Primary representative: Gary Temple
  - b. Alternate representative: none specified
7. Sierra National Forest
  - a. Primary representative: none specified
  - b. Alternate representative: none specified
8. Sierra Resource Conservation District
  - a. Primary representative: Steve Haz5
  - b. Alternate representative: Teryle Sandridge
9. Springville Public Utility District
  - a. Primary representative: Nancy Bruce
  - b. Alternate representative: Tom Carter



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## Planning Committee Members

10. Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
  - a. Primary representative: Carole Combs
  - b. Alternate representative: Robert Hansen
11. Tulare County Resource Conservation District
  - a. Primary representative: Bob Puls
  - b. Alternate representative: Scott Powell
12. No organization identified\*
  - a. Primary representative: Carole Clum
  - b. Alternate representative: none specified
13. Yosemite/Sequoia RC&DC
  - a. Primary representative: Steve Haze
  - b. Alternate representative: none specified



# Attachment 6

## Interested Parties

Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Group  
List of Current Participants

### *Organization(s)*

Alta ID  
Army Corps of Engineers  
Big Sandy Rancheria  
California Native Plant Nursery  
California Save our Streams Council/Revive the San Joaquin  
California Water Institute  
Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment  
Central Sierra Resource Conservation & Development Council  
Central Sierra Watershed Committee  
Central Unified School District/ River Tree Volunteers

Chukchansi Tribe  
Chukchansi Yokotch Tribe  
Chukchansi Yokotch Tribe of Mariposa  
Chumash Council of Bakersfield  
Coarsegold RCD  
Cold Springs Rancheria  
Community Water Center  
Community Water Center  
County of Fresno  
Cummings Valley Water District  
DDW Wildland Consulting  
Deer Creek & Tule River Authority  
Desert Mountain RC&D  
Desert Mountain RC&D  
Desert Mountain RC&D  
Devil's Postpile National Monument  
DFG  
DFG  
DFG - Southern Sierra West Slope  
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Dooley, Herr and Peltzer  
Dry Creek Citizens' Coalition

Dumma Tribal Government  
Dumma Wo-Wah Tribal Government

Dunlap Band of Mono Indians

### *Name*

Chris Kapheim  
Michelle Williams  
Becky Cuthill  
Cathy Capone  
Lloyd Carter  
Sargeant Green  
Daniela Simunovic  
Bruce Woodworth  
Jeannie Habben  
Steve Starcher  
Emmaline  
Hammond  
Karen Tex Morris  
Lynda Appling  
James Leon  
Larry Ballew  
Lonnie Bill  
Laurel Firestone  
Susanna De Anda  
Augustine Ramirez  
Glenn Mueller  
David Witt  
David Hoffman  
Debbie Hess  
Carolyn LoFreso  
Bob Robinson  
Deanna Dulen  
Marc Hoshovsky  
John Shelton  
Jeff Single  
Dale Mitchell  
Bill Loudermilk  
*Alex Peltzer*  
John Dofflemeyer  
Karin Wilson  
Kirkendal  
Keith Turner  
Benjamin, Sr.  
Charley



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DWR  
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DWR - CCP Contract Coordinator  
DWR Tulare Hydrologic Unit Contact  
Foothill Engineering  
Fresno Co.  
Fresno County  
Fresno County  
Fresno County Water Action Committee  
Friends of the South Fork Kings River/  
North Fork American River Watershed Group  
Gorden Ag  
Independent  
Interdisciplinary Spatial Information Systems Center, CSU Fresno  
Inyo National Forest  
Kawaiisu Tribe  
Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District  
KDSA  
Kern COG  
Kern County Farm Bureau  
Kern County Planning Department  
Kern County Supervisor John McQuiston  
Kern County Water Agency  
Kings River CD [Kings Basin IRWMP]  
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Kings River Conservation Committee  
Kings River Water Association  
Kings River Water Association  
Madera County Planning Department  
Madera County Supervisor Tom Wheeler  
Member of the public  
Member of the public  
National Audubon Society – Kern River Preserve  
National Resource Conservation Service  
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians  
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians  
North of the River Water District / Tehachapi Water Conservation District  
Oakhurst River Parkway Partnership  
Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians  
PRBO

Norman Shopay  
Joe Yun  
Michelle Dooley  
Eric Hong  
Jim Lin  
Larry Otter  
Irina Greener  
Bob Waterston  
Debbie S.?  
Rick Thaxton  
  
Bill Templin  
Jim Gorden  
Elissa Brown  
Robert Slobodian  
Erin Lutrec  
Harold Williams  
Mark Larsen  
Ken Schmidt  
Becky Napier  
Matt Park  
Lorelei Oviatt  
Judy Hyatt  
Lloyd Fryer  
David Cone  
Richard Hoelzel  
Betsy Tunnell  
Steve Haugen  
Clifton Lollar  
Jerald James  
Tom Wheeler  
Del Strange  
Julie Allen  
Reed Tollefson  
Elizabeth Palmer  
Roselynn Lwenya  
Christie Hansard  
Bill Miller  
Sandy Brinley  
Samuel Elizondo  
Alissa Fogg



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PRBO  
Provost & Pritchard  
Provost and Pritchard & Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
R. L. Schafer & Associates  
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Revive the San Joaquin  
  
Revive the San Joaquin  
River Ridge  
RiverTree Volunteers and Sierra Club - Tehipiti Chapter  
  
San Joaquin Regional Blueprint Project  
San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust  
San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust  
San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust  
San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust  
San Joaquin Valley RC&D  
Santa Rosa Rancheria  
Semitropic Water Storage District  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks  
  
Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce  
Sequoia National Forest  
Sequoia National Forest  
Sequoia National Forest & Giant Sequoia National Monument  
Sequoia Riverlands Trust  
  
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Sequoia Riverlands Trust  
Sequoia Riverlands Trust  
Sequoia Riverlands Trust  
Sequoia Riverlands Trust & Buckeye Ranch  
Sequoia Riverlands Trust & Tanager Foundatio  
Sierra and Foothill Citizens Alliance  
Sierra Business Council  
Sierra Business Council  
Sierra Business Council  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club / American Farmland Trust

Geoff Geupel  
Shay Overton  
Dick Moss  
Michael Tharp  
Richard Schafer  
Chris Acree  
Preston  
VanCamp  
Gary Adest  
Richard Sloan  
Darrell  
Hildebrand  
Dave Koehler  
Sarah Cairns  
Brian Colleran  
Sharon Weaver  
Sandy Wright  
Alan Berna  
  
John Austin  
Johanna  
Kamansky  
Chris Stewart  
Terry Henry  
Tina Terrell  
Bobby Kamansky  
Soapy  
Mulholland  
Mark Millard  
Scott Spear  
Frances Tweed  
Hilary Dustin  
Jim Ver Steeg  
Jim Mathewson  
Gary Temple  
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Sierra Foothill Wuksachi Yokuts Tribe  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
Smart Growth Coalition of Kern County  
Southern California Edison forestry branch  
Southern California Edison hydropower branch  
Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation  
Springville Public Utility District  
Springville PUD/SCICON  
Supervisor, Kern Co. CA Partnership for San Joaquin  
The Nature Conservancy  
Three Rivers Community Services District  
Traditional Choinuymni Tribe

Tubatulabals of Kern Valley  
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (Tulare Biodiversity Working Group)  
[Tulare County Office of Education] Circle J-Norris Ranch  
Tulare Co. CAO  
Tulare Co. RCD  
Tulare County  
Tulare County  
Tulare County Audubon Society  
Tulare County Citizens for Responsible Growth  
Tulare County Farm Bureau  
Tulare County RCD  
Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
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Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
Tulare County RMA – GIS  
Tulare County Water Commission  
Tule River Tribal Council  
Tule River Tribe  
U.S. House of Representatives  
UC Extension, Tulare County  
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Patricia Stever  
Tom Daly  
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Jim Sullins  
Robert Neilson



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USFS Pacific Southwest Research Station  
WildPlaces  
WildPlaces  
WRIME, Inc.  
Wukchumni Council  
Wukchumni Tribe  
Yosemite/Sequoia RC&D

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Melba Whitebird  
Susan Weese  
Robyn Smith

# Attachment 7

## RESOLUTION NO. 2012-745

### BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING JOINING SOUTHERN SIERRA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP

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WHEREAS, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is vitally interested in the management of water supplies within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, a watershed of great importance to Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District is the Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Region; and

WHEREAS, in order to maximize flood control, urban storm water services and beneficial use of storm water originating from the Sierra mountains, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has in the past pursued integrated regional water management planning strategies for the Kings Basin region through the Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority and now has an opportunity to form an additional coalition with the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group; and

WHEREAS, through the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group, the parties thereto plan to develop an integrated regional water management plan for the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Region and have undertaken various activities in furtherance of that plan; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group was formed to pursue appropriate water resource planning opportunities in accordance with the applicable provisions of California law and to develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and



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WHEREAS, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District wishes to join other members of the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group in facilitating continued integrated water resource management in the Southern Sierra region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District hereby affirms its support for and the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Southern Sierra Water Management Area and shall support its development and implementation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has determined that it wishes to become a member of the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group in order to further pursue cooperative planning opportunities for the Southern Sierra water in accordance with the Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plan SSIRWMP once the plan is developed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Memorandum of Understanding for the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group is hereby approved in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that Bob Van Wyk is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the referenced Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District so that Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District shall become a member of the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Jerry Lakeman, District Engineer is hereby designated as Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's Representative on the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Groups Planning Committee, and Kurt Hupp, Rural Program Manager is designated as the alternate.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District staff is authorized and directed to take such further actions as they deem necessary or appropriate to implement the foregoing resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the District this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2012, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Spina, Williams, Rastegar, Fowler and Burleson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Groom and Goodwin

ABSTAIN: None



## **Attachment 8**

### **Acronyms used in this Board Memo**

- DWR California Department of Water Resources
- FMFCD Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
- IRWMP Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
- IRWMR Integrated Regional Water Management Region
- MOU Memorandum Of Understanding
- SRT Sequoia Riverlands Trust
- SSRWMG Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group
- SSRWMP Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Plan
- UKRBIRWMA Upper Kings River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority